

CONFIDENTIAL

Officeholder declaration

All people nominated or holding positions in the Methodist Church must sign a declaration [except local preachers and worship leaders, ministers, and those working with children or vulnerable adults for whom other forms apply].

Holding an office, post or responsibility, especially a public or trustee role (church council member or committee member) is a privilege and a responsibility – it is not a right. The Church reserves the right not to appoint (or to take steps to remove from office) someone where they are found to be ineligible, unsuitable or where they have not declared information that should otherwise have been disclosed. Where certain criteria are fulfilled there can be an appeal to the secretary of Conference, via those appointing, against a bar from a particular appointment.

Name of church

Circuit

Office, duty or responsibility

Your name has been put forward for the position stated above. Having regard to the safeguarding policy of the Methodist Church you are asked to sign the declaration below.

- I have seen a copy of the local church safeguarding policy.
- I am aware of the Church's policy to safeguard the welfare of children and young people and the terms of Standing Order 010.
- I know of no reason why I cannot fulfil the office, duty or responsibility named above.

Signed

Date

**Methodist Standing Order 010
Qualification for appointment states:**

(2(ii))

no person who has been convicted of or has received a formal caution from the police concerning sexual offences against children shall be appointed to any office, post or responsibility or engaged under any contract to which this sub-clause applies.

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